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take up the A bill because this rule calls that an A bill shall be read on final reading when the original bill is read so I said it would be very simple to suspend the rules and say that A bill no. 110A or whatever it is, would not be read on final reading by a suspension of the rules. That's all I'm saying, but what I just got through saying was if anybody wants to change this A bill rule, please do it in the form of a motion today so that we can take it up and I'd be happy to call a Rules Committee meeting tomorrow to change the a rule on page 25 but if you don't, I'm not going to call a meeting of the Rules Committee.

SPEAKER: It would seem to the Chair, Senator Cavanaugh, that the rule is fairly clear and if you wanted to take up an A bill, I would think you could do it with 25 votes which is simply changing the motion that was passed before that we not take up bills with fiscal impact; however, if somebody does not want the A bill read, then that would require a suspension of the rules which he probably couldn't get or wouldn't get if 25 voted to take the bill up so I doubt if there's really much conflict here.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Alright, thank you.

SPEAKER: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: One question and it may clarify. The Legislature takes a long time and a circuitous route to get to nowhere. Now whether an A bill is not read at all or whether it's read and voted down, the effect is the same, isn't it?

SPEAKER: I think it basically is.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then why do we have to talk about a suspension of the rules not to read an A bill; if the will of the body is to pass a certain authorization measure but not an A bill, then let the bi--don't suspend the rules not to read the A bill, go ahead and read the bill then read the A bill and if they don't like it, they don't have to vote for it.

SPEAKER: Well, Senator, it is my understanding the A bill would automatically be read, unless somebody rises to change the rules which I think would be somewhat doubtful, but that motion could be made on any rule. Does anybody else desire this floor? If not, what's on the Clerk's desk?